

addition, the Office Action of March 7 was a final Office Action. In light of this response and fee for a Request for Continued Examination, the finality of the rejection is lifted.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-12, 25-27, and 36 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 13, 17, 28, and 32 as follows. All pending claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

~~1 (Amended) A sports commemorator comprising:~~

- ~~an object and a picture on a layer, both of said object and said picture being related to a sport and said object relating to said picture;~~
- ~~a cover;~~
- ~~a support formed with forward and rearward portions;~~
- ~~said forward portion having an open interior for displaying said picture on said layer and said object superimposed with said cover;~~
- ~~said cover formed with first and second transparent portions, said first transparent portion serving to buttress said layer in said open interior, said second transparent portion conforming to the shape of said object in said open interior;~~
- ~~a forward interface between said forward portion and a peripheral portion of said cover; and~~
- ~~a rearward interface between said layer and said rearward portion, wherein said forward and rearward interfaces serve to secure said cover and said layer for displaying said picture behind said object and said cover in said open interior.~~

2. (Canceled earlier)

3. (Canceled earlier)

4. (Canceled earlier)

~~5. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a transparent member.~~

6. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said first transparent portion is formed substantially flat, and wherein said second transparent portion is formed with a chamber having sufficient space to substantially cup said object.

BB 7. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said support includes at least one of a frame and a backing.

8. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces comprises at least one of a stop and a fastener.

9. The commemorator of claim 1 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces is formed integrally with said support.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

BB 13. (Amended) The commemorator of claim 1 wherein said picture comprises a photograph.

14. (Canceled earlier)

15. (Canceled earlier)

16. (Canceled earlier)

17. (Amended) A sports commemorator comprising:

an object and a picture on a layer, both of said object and said picture being related to a sport and said object relating to said picture;

a transparent member;

a support formed with forward and rearward portions;

said forward portion having an open interior for displaying said picture on said layer and said object superimposed with said transparent member;

said transparent member formed with an expanse including a hollow protuberance, a section of said expanse serving to buttress said layer in said open interior, said hollow protuberance conforming to the shape of said object in said open interior;

a forward interface between said forward portion and a peripheral portion of said transparent member; and

a rearward interface between said layer and said rearward portion,

wherein said forward and rearward interfaces serve to secure said transparent member and said layer for displaying said picture behind said object and said cover in said open interior.

18. (Canceled earlier)

19. (Canceled earlier)

20. (Canceled earlier)

21. ~~The commemorator of claim 17 wherein said section of said expanse is formed substantially flat, and wherein said hollow protuberance has sufficient space to~~

substantially cup said object.

22. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein said support includes at least one of a frame and a backing.

23. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces comprises at least one of a stop and a fastener.

24. The commemorator of claim 17 wherein at least one of said forward and rearward interfaces is formed integrally with said support.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Amended) The commemorator of claim 17 wherein said picture comprises a photograph.

29. (Canceled earlier)

30. (Canceled earlier)

31. (Canceled earlier)

32. (Amended) A method for displaying a sports related object and picture, the method comprising:

selecting an object and a picture on a layer, both of the object and the picture being related to a sport and the object relating to the picture;

~~selecting a support having an open interior;
selecting a cover having a transparent expanse with a transparent
chamber conforming to the shape of the object in the open interior;
superimposing the transparent chamber over the object in the open
interior;
superimposing the transparent expanse over and buttressing the picture
on a layer in the open interior; and
securing the object and the layer in the open interior, whereby the object
and the picture are displayed with the picture behind the object and the cover in the
open interior.~~

33. (Canceled earlier)

34. (Canceled earlier)

35. (Canceled earlier)

36. (Canceled)

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5-9, 17, 21-24, 28, and 32 remain pending.

Initially, applicants' attorney wishes to thank Examiner Davis for her courtesy in granting a telephone interview on April 21, 2002. The proposed amendment and the substance of the remarks and arguments presented during the telephone interview are incorporated in the above amendments and the following remarks. Although no agreement was reached, applicants' attorney also wishes to thank the Examiner for her